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STABBING! Woodville Fight a Near Tragedy

COLORED MAN'S MURDERER GOES FREE.

City Council Action May Lose Arent's Library.

\$4,000 Automobile Campaign Going Over Big.

(Special by John Mitchell, Jr.)

Benjamin Jones, a World War veteran, residing with his mother, Mrs. Rachel Jones, 2115 Walnut St. (Woodville) was dangerously cut with a knife by Mrs. Alberta Hines of 2608 Newburn St. Saturday evening, July 16, at about 6 o'clock. His upper muscle in one arm is nearly severed and the large vein in his neck was cut in two. A call at St. Phillips Hospital brought out the information that his condition is not good.

ONLY CHILDREN THERE.

Going over to A. D. Price's establishment, James Underwood was soon at the wheel and a few moments later I was at a humble residence in Woodville in sight of the Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, where the late lamented Rev. R. J. Bass labored for so many years. A young woman was dressing two little children. She gave her name as Mrs. Elsie Davis. She stated that most of the people were in the city shopping at the time the affair took place. She was away and only her children were there.

A SISTER'S STATEMENT.

Her sister, Alberta Hines, who cut Benjamin Jones, was not there. She did not know anything about it. She afterwards said that she had heard that Jones had threatened to kill her sister and he had showed her the bullets with which he expected to do it. She did not pay any attention to him, thinking that he was running on. She heard that her sister ordered him away from there. He came over into the yard and she cut him. Another version was that Alberta Hines threw a rock at Benjamin Jones and when he ran towards her afterwards she cut him.

KNEW NOTHING.

Alberta's sister said that Mrs. Willie Bolling knew he said that he was going to get bullets to kill her. A visit to Mrs. Bolling brought out the disclaimer. She did not know anything about it. She saw them in the street and Jones had his hands at his side, but she thought they were playing. Alberta Hines had not been arrested Sunday morning when we called there, but her sister said that she had advised her to give herself up.

BEN JONES' MOTHER.

Visiting Benjamin Jones' residence, in a small one story structure, we found a pleasant faced woman of the Old Mammy type. Her name is Mrs. Rachel Jones and she stands well in the community. She is the mother of four children: Mrs. Elizabeth Reid, Mrs. Lena Tompkins, Ernest Jones and Benjamin Jones. She told the following story: "This woman has not been out of the county jail more than three weeks. I advised my son to stay away from her. About two months ago, Alberta Hines came right here (she pointed to the spot) and stabbed Benjamin in the back.

BLOOD FLOWED FREELY.

"Blood flowed freely and he had to go to the hospital for treatment at my boy's head. I knocked her down and I hurt my arm in doing so." Mrs. Lena Tompkins' Ben Jones' sister, said that he had one of his muscles nearly severed. He was cut about the neck and she tried to cut his throat. He lost much blood

and was in a bad condition last night. Going to St. Phillips Hospital, I saw two patients swathed in bandages in the lobby.

SURGEONS ACTED.

The lady in charge politely stated that the surgeon in charge had not come on yet. An operation was performed last night. The nurse who had been on duty that night in charge of Jones was asleep. Hastening out to the car, I was soon again at The Planet office preparing another report on this near tragedy.

ARREST ALBERTA HINES

SHE ADMITS CUTTING JONES.

Alberta Hines, who cut and dangerously wounded Benjamin Jones has been captured by the police. She escaped at the time of the attack and finally Officer Fred L. Bates located her. She admitted her guilt. The case is that of a married woman for a single man and vice versa. Her married name is Smith and her husband is in West Virginia. She was held in the sum of \$2,000. The injured man is in a serious condition.

ENTERTAINED IN OLEAN, N. Y.

Mrs. Gladys C. Lucas, formerly of Richmond, Va., but now of Olean, N. Y., entertained the Junior Matrons' Whist Club, Thursday afternoon, July 8, 1927, from two until five o'clock, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jones, 325 S. Barry St., Olean, N. Y. Cards were played during the afternoon. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. J. G. Jones, of Olean, N. Y., and Mrs. Mary Holmes, of Cuba, N. Y. The house was beautifully decorated with garden flowers. Refreshments were served.

A surprise shower was also given in honor of Mrs. Lucas by the members of the Club. She received many beautiful presents. The next hostess will be Mrs. Evelyn R. Latham, formerly of Richmond, but now of Olean, N. Y.

LARUS CHORUS AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DR. J. S. HATCHER TO SPEAK.

Ye Old Time Pew Service will be held at the First Baptist Church, corner 14th and Broad Sts., Sunday, July 24, 1927 at 3:30 P. M.

Music by the Larus Singers and First Baptist Sunday School Orchestra. Dr. James S. Hatcher, Pastor of Third St. Bethel A. M. E. Church will deliver the address. Members and friends of the church are cordially invited. A plenty of fans to keep cool.

Committee: Mrs. M. R. Johnson, Mr. Isaac Parker, Mr. W. S. Morgan.

Dr. W. T. Johnson, Pastor; Mr. B. P. Vandervall, Church Clerk.

Mr. Roy Williams, residing at 405 1-2 W. Catherine St., has been sick in a hospital in Paris, France. He is a fireman on a twin screw British transport. The ship is in the Newport News dry dock for repairs and he will leave in about three weeks to go aboard of her. He has visited Tokyo, Japan, Hong Kong, China, London, France, Spain.

Library Case May Revert to St. Andrew's

(Richmond News-Leader, July 19)

The Grace Arents' branch library may be lost to the city of Richmond should it be necessary to close the institution through failure of council to provide temporarily for the salaries of its employees, it developed today.

Closing of the library, it is believed, would be a violation of the terms under which it was given the city and cause the property to revert to the St. Andrew's Association.

Four members of council blocked the library appropriation on July 5 because the library board retained on the payroll Henry Thompson, Negro janitor of long service. The deed given the city by the St. Andrew's Association, which held the title for Miss Arents, provides that the property shall revert to its previous ownership if it is not used for library purposes. A shut-down may be construed as violation of terms of the deed and of the city ordinance of acceptance which is incorporated in the deed.

MAY PASS FROM CITY.

If the library property passes out of the city's hands, the \$100,000 maintenance fund handed the city by the executors of the Arents' estate also will pass out of the city's hands, it was indicated.

The St. Andrew's Association, which has operated the library for more than a decade, has funds with which to reopen the library under the old terms and independent of the city, it is said.

Fourteen votes were necessary to pass the appropriation at the meeting of common council July 5. Because four members—Atkinson, Miller, Robertson and Tyler—voted against it, the measure could summon only thirteen votes, and so was lost. It now is on the table because one member who had voted for the measure changed his vote so he could move reconsideration.

SALARIES HELD UP.

Failure of the appropriation—which would finance the library—pending receipt of interest from the trust fund—served to hold up the salaries of the five members of the library staff. They were not paid on July 15 for the first half of July and there is said to be no assurance that they will be paid on the next payday—August 1. In such a case it would close down.

The four members voted against the appropriation because a white man wanted the \$15-per-week job held by Thompson, the Negro janitor. Thompson was an employee of Miss Arents for about twelve years and has given faithful service as janitor for many years.

A storm of protest followed the failure of the appropriation, and among the people who have deplored the situation have been O. H. Funtsten, co-executor of the Arents' estate with the First and Merchants' National Bank, and John Stewart Bryan, chairman of the public library board.

The Arents' Library serves a very wide area and the property is valued at \$100,000. The trust fund is \$100,000 in cash. Thus if the city loses the bequest through violation of its terms a substantial portion of its library property will be sacrificed

Lyncher Is Freed

WYTHEVILLE, VA., July 20.—

Floyd Willard (white) charged with murder on account of being an alleged member of the mob that lynched Raymond Bird, a colored man on the night of August 14, 1926, having taken him from the county jail resulted in his acquittal. He established an alibi, that is, that he was somewhere else when the crime was committed. Wayne Dean, Havro, Charles Guggins and W. P. Cooley, residents of Brayson county testified that they had been out fox hunting and that Willard described how the colored man was lynched.

TWO SISTERS.

Willard declared that he was at home on the night of the lynching and he produced witnesses to prove it. This is one of the most remarkable cases ever tried in this section. Raymond Bird was said to have been intimate with two of the sisters in a white family and that the females refused to prosecute him. They were in a condition that required for one of them hospital attention. Finding that he could not be legally convicted upon a charge of rape, a mob decided to lynch him and to override the law of the State.

MOB LEADERS NOT ARRESTED.

The feeling here among both classes is that the real leaders of the mob have never been apprehended. One man out of the crowd was selected to make a test case and then have the whole matter ended once for all. The action of the State officials is being highly commended here and it is recognized that the officials were in earnest in an effort to punish those who overrode the law. Colored people here are not doing any talking, although it may be that the white family will leave the neighborhood.

NOTICE!

To the Pastors and Missionary Clerics of the Baptist Churches and the public in general:

This is to inform you that the Binga Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, South Richmond, Va., plan to unveil a Memorial Window to the memory of the late Mrs. Annie E. Blackwell on Sunday, July 31, 1927 at 3:30 P. M. in their church.

We are therefore inviting to be present the pastors, members of the Missionary Clerics, with whom we labored in the Master's Vineyard for the advancement of the Kingdom in this and foreign lands and the public in general.

Very truly,

Binga Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Mrs. Susie H. Robinson, President

Rev. W. L. Ransome, Pastor.

Southern Barber Parlor means J. C. Cooper. A first class hair bob and a cool shave will cheer you up, either the one or the other for male or female. He has a monkey there now in the window. It will show you how to be contented and happy even without money. Give Mr. Cooper the money and you feed the monkey and both will be happy.

Greatest Offer Ever Made by The Planet

Two Automobiles to be given away free to the winners. \$250.00 in Gold Rewards to be given and 10 per cent cash commission. Every body must win. Fill out your coupon and mail today, which will appear in each week's issue of this paper. An early start is to your advantage. Do not wait and see what the other fellow is going to do. It is up to you.

We are asking a little of your spare time. First Grand Prize: Hudson Standard Sedan, four doors, late model. The Hudson is known for its speed, comfort and service, valued at \$1605.00 F. O. B. The Second Prize: Essex Sedan, valued at \$1000.00 F. O. B. and \$250.00 in gold to be divided as follows: 3rd, \$75.00; 4th, \$50.00; 5th, \$45.00; 6th, \$35.00; 7th, \$25.00; and 8th, \$20.00—and 10 per cent cash commission to all non-prize winners.

Herewith a wonderful opportunity is offered you by the publisher of The Richmond Planet that is indeed out of the ordinary. A mutual proposition that is to your advantage as well as the publishers. Look over the prize list and you will discover what we are trying to tell you. This is the most liberal offer given by any Negro newspaper in the southland.

We trust that you will appreciate the liberality of this paper and take the advantage of it and sign up at once and become one of our contestants and help us put the job over in a big way. Your cooperation and moral influence as well as your friends will be highly appreciated by the Editor and Campaign Managers of this Contest.

We are calling for boosters, professional men and women, laboring men and women, of all walks of life are welcome. Let us come together and work together for the good of Negro Enterprises. We are going over big. Come and be a part of our success.

John Mitchell, Jr., editor, should be commended for securing the services of W. A. Kersey and George L. Knox of Indianapolis, Ind., both veteran newspaper men. Mr. Knox late publisher and owner of The Freeman for 42 years, W. A. Kersey who has had 17 years special training on two white dailies will have full charge of directing the campaign.

Our rules and regulations are approved by the Government and must comply with the rules and regulations of the Government. No fake. We do exactly what we promise to do. Our campaign is conducted fair and square with the public. Our methods are easily understood.

Headquarters: The Richmond Planet Office. For information please call Randolph 2213 or call in person and ask for Campaign Manager and we will be glad to explain our methods to you.

W. A. KERSEY, Campaign Manager

GEORGE L. KNOX, Field Manager

WANTED, OLD SONGS!

Do you have old printed copies of the old songs, "John Henry" and "John Hardy"? If so, write me I am collecting folk songs and will pay good price for either of above ballads. G. B. JOHNSON, Box 652 Chapel Hill, N. C.

SHEPHERDS' BIG EXCURSION A SUCCESS—ANOTHER BIG ONE WILL GO ON SEPTEMBER 14

The Shepherds Excursion to Bay Shore on the 19th was a signal success in every way. Notwithstanding the gloomy weather which assailed in the day, a capacity crowd went with us. The railroad authorities as well as the street car companies left no stone unturned to make the day enjoyable by all. The folds promoting the Excursion made a splendid record in the report for the sale of tickets. Rev. William Thomas Memorial Fold led with more than \$200 to their credit for the sale of tickets. We extend our hearty thanks to all of the members of the organization and our friends for making such an outing possible. Pride of Croaker Fold located at Norge, Va. made a splendid showing in this Excursion. They carried a car-load of people from Norge.

On September 14th the Shepherds will carry another big excursion to Bay Shore. Plans are now being worked out which will guarantee a big day for the Shepherds and their friends.

Tuesday, July 12th the Grand Presiding Shepherd in company with Grand Secretary Treasurer A. C. Clark, Mr. Roscoe C. Mitchell, Mrs. D. Webster Davis and Mr. Frank McWilliams motored to Newport News for the purpose of holding a meeting with the local committee of Newport News, looking forward to the perfection of arrangements for the Grand Fold meeting in September. A joint meeting of the Grand Officers and the local committee was held at the home of Mrs. Lizzie McPherson.

This meeting was largely attended by members of the local committee. We found on this committee the following persons who were greatly aiding Mrs. Lizzie McPherson in putting over the program: Dr. S. A. Thomas, Prof. J. S. Lee, Mr. Roger Kyles, and others. Ways and means were discussed by the Grand Shepherd and her committee and the members of the Newport News committee.

The Newport News Committee evidenced considerable interest in their efforts to make this the largest and most successful convention ever held by our Order. Besides the usual details considered in connection with making arrangements for our annual convention a big street parade was authorized, which will take place on the second day of the convention. The committee entered heartily into the promotion of this parade and promises that this will be one of the outstanding events in connection with our convention.

A Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Harriet Blunt wishes to thank the Pastor, members and friends and especially Mrs. Ella Browne, of the Sharon Baptist Church for the agreeable surprise led on her Wednesday night, July 13, 1927. They presented her a handsome purse. May showers of blessings continue to fall upon each and every one who contributed so generously to this beautiful testimonial of friendship.

Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Galvin have returned from their bridal trip, which included Washington, New York, seaside resorts and Newport News, Va., the home of the groom's parents.

BRAGG BROTHERS NEGOTIATE A BIG LOAN

Bragg Brothers and Company per Mr. D. P. Bragg, has just consummated a loan of \$70,000 for the Clay St. Baptist Church. Rev. J. A. Brinkley, pastor. This congregation under able leadership purchased the Randolph St. Baptist Church, one of the best built structures in the city and will enter the edifice in September. This firm is being congratulated, along with the pastor.

A DOUBLE FUNERAL

The well-known general contractor, Thomas A. Liggins of Mitchell Street, died Tuesday night and his daughter, Mrs. Marion Liggins Gilpin died the next morning (Wednesday). The funerals will take place Sunday 1 P. M. from the Third St. Bethel A. M. E. Church, Rev. James S. Hatcher, pastor.

CARTER—GREEN

Mr. Daniel S. Wynn announces the marriage of his sister, Ruby Louise Green to Mr. Chester P. Carter, on Wednesday evening, June 1st, 1927, Richmond, Virginia. Reception, Friday evening, July 25th, 105 South First Street, from eight to eleven. Friends invited.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Mr. Willie Easley and his little son left for their home in Chicago last week, after spending several days here visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. William E. Lewis continues very sick at his home, 2519 Bainbridge Street.

You may not understand now, but you will in the future. Funeral Director R. C. Scott just needs a telephone call and your business will be attended. You do not have to live in Richmond to have this service and if any of your friends close their eyes forever in any other city, tell Scott about it and your worries are over. If you are too much overcome with grief, he will pick out the casket for you, too.

There is no use running all around Richmond for service. Gray has two places, 8 W. Leigh and 112 N. Second. His goods are so up-to-date that a man who didn't have the money broke into his place to get them. See Gray and be happy.

You can get satisfaction by stopping at "Little Billy's" place, 15 E. Clay St. Hot weather has slowed down business somewhat, but it has not slowed down his attention to his customers.

GRAVEL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. L. Tuck, Pastor Sunday School convened at the usual hour. Superintendent Rooks presided. The lessons were interesting and well taught. Childrens Day services were held at 12 o'clock. The children spoke well and the day was enjoyed by all.

At 8 P. M. Rev. E. Charity preached a soul-stirring sermon for Club No. 3. Don't forget prayer meeting on Wednesday night. The 50th anniversary of our Church and the 4th anniversary of our pastor begins Sunday. You are welcome.